

## EVACUATION CHECKLIST

If you are asked to leave your home, here is a handy checklist of things to do and not to do.

- \* Follow all instructions carefully but move quickly.
- \* Don't use the telephone unless there is a medical emergency.
- \* Bring identification, such as a driver's license, State ID card, or insurance card.
- \* If time permits, pack some extra clothing.
- \* Before leaving, turn off electrical appliances and lock your doors and windows. Remember to bring your keys!
- \* Take your pets with you and they will be Taken to an animal facility, if you go to the shelter.



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## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- ▶ Listen to local radio and television stations for current information.
- ▶ Do what police and fire officials tell you to do. Move quickly but carefully.
- ▶ Don't "sightsee"... stay away from all kinds of fire and smoke.
- ▶ Plan ahead for all kinds of emergencies. Keep emergency telephone numbers near the telephone and a current list of medications nearby.

For more information about chemicals stored in your community and your Right-to-Know, contact:

The Emergency Planning Community  
Right-to-Know Information Line  
614- 645-6672

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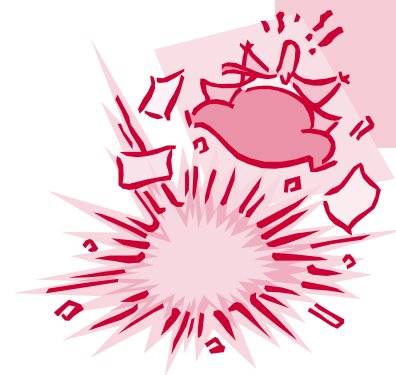
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# CHEMICAL EMERGENCY

HOW TO  
STAY SAFE!



INFORMATION & CHECKLIST

## FIXED SITE

Sometimes when there is a fire at a fixed site which is a facility, plant or warehouse that houses dangerous chemicals which burn and can be released into the air. In this kind of fire, dangerous chemical fumes are

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INSTRUCTIONS!

in the smoke that can be carried over a large area or neighborhood by the wind.

Breathing in the smoke and fumes can make you sick or could threaten your life!

## SHELTER-IN-PLACE

During a chemical emergency it may be necessary to stay inside your home to prevent exposure from chemicals. If this is necessary, you may need to take some emergency precautions.

It is best to close all doors and windows to keep out dangerous smoke or fumes; turn off all air conditioners and fans and close fireplace dampers; turn off electrical appliances, but leave on a radio or television; don't use the telephone unless there is a medical emergency; and have extra towels or sheets to block cracks under doors or windows.

## TRANSPORTATION ACCIDENT

A traffic accident involving a truck, tanker, or rail car carrying dangerous chemicals can also cause a different kind of CHEMICAL EMERGENCY. If the truck, tanker, or rail car is damaged, but there is no fire, dangerous chemicals can leak or be thrown from the vehicle. In this kind of emergency, a "cloud" of dangerous fumes and gases can be released into the air. THIS IS A SERIOUS SITUATION! Often, this dangerous "cloud" is invisible and, like smoke, can be carried by the wind over a wide area or neighborhood. Also, some chemicals will travel along the ground.

Dangerous chemicals are often carried by special trucks, tankers, or rail cars traveling on major streets, highways, and even in our neighborhoods. These trucks, tankers, or rail cars, while designed to be safe, sometimes are involved in traffic accidents. If the accident causes a fire, dangerous chemical fumes can be burned and released into the air. Again, the dangerous fumes are in the smoke, and the wind can carry the smoke over a wide area.

Staying safe when there is a CHEMICAL EMERGENCY is easy. But here are some "common sense" reminders you should know.

- ◆ Do what fire, police, or emergency responders tell you to do. They know what's happening during a CHEMICAL EMERGENCY and

have the best information on how to get to a safe area.

- ◆ Stay away from all kinds of fires and smoke! If smoke is coming towards you, move away in another direction. Don't "sightsee" . . . Don't try to watch a fire or emergency situation.
- ◆ If you're near a traffic accident involving a truck, tanker, or rail car which you think might be carrying a dangerous chemical, try to get away from the area.
- ◆ Listen to the radio or watch television for information when there is a chemical emergency. News reporters will have important information and instructions.

## EVACUATION

If a chemical emergency involves a large fire with heavy smoke or a large cloud of dangerous chemicals, you may be asked to leave your home and go to a safe **shelter or a friend or relative's**

Radio and television stations will have special information about public shelters (Red Cross). You may also hear a public address announcement made from a police car or outdoor warning siren systems in your neighborhood. Sometimes emergency responders will go door-to-door telling people about the emergency and asking them to leave. If you are asked to leave your home, move carefully and quickly. Take only what is necessary (see the checklist in this pamphlet) and remember to lock your home and bring your keys.